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## **VA's Expanded Fort Worth Outpatient Clinic Open for Business** *Expansion Makes Fort Worth the Largest VA Clinic Nationwide*

WASHINGTON – The expanded Fort Worth Outpatient Clinic is open for business at its new location at 2201 Southeast Loop 820, south of downtown Fort Worth. It is now the largest VA outpatient clinic in the nation.

The 239,000 square-foot clinic is more than five and a half times as large as the city's former clinic on West Rosedale St. The \$55 million clinic was constructed on a 24-acre site.

“The expanded Fort Worth clinic is opening its doors to more Veterans so they can receive the high quality care they have earned,” said VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki. “One of VA's top priorities is to bring our quality health care and expanded services closer to where our Veterans reside. The improved Fort Worth Clinic is a model of how we are reaching that goal.”

The new outpatient clinic includes a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine, a computerized tomography (CT) scanner, a mammography unit, and a comprehensive women's clinic, as well as expanded pharmacy, lab and physical medicine and rehabilitation departments.

“This new state-of-the-art facility will not only increase staff, services and access, but in many cases will prevent Veterans from making an extended trip to the Dallas VA Medical Center,” said Shirley Bealer, interim director of VA North Texas Health Care System, which oversees the Fort Worth Outpatient Clinic.

The former outpatient clinic opened in 1992, and served nearly 20,300 patients just this past year. With the newly expanded clinic, VA plans on an additional 1,600 patients.

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## **Fort Worth Outpatient Clinic 2/2/2/2**

The new clinic includes plentiful parking with easy access from the service road, plus a Disabled American Veteran (DAV) sponsored golf cart for patients to ride from their parking space to the front door. Retail shopping and a dining facility for patients and visitors are also available.

The expanded Fort Worth Outpatient Clinic employs approximately 280 staffers, up from the former staff total of 190. Its primary service area consists of 16 North Texas counties from Fort Worth going west, with the majority of Veterans served residing in Hood, Johnson, Parker, and Tarrant Counties.

VA North Texas Health Care System serves more than 100,000 patients each year, delivering more than one million outpatient visits to Veterans in 38 North Texas counties and two counties in southern Oklahoma.

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